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SUBJECT: AD-70 SPRING REPORT

REF: A. USNATO 2141; B. STATE 51894

1. WE ASSUME INFORMATION IN PARA 4, REF A, TO EFFECT
THAT DRAFT EWG REPORT WOULD BE RELEASED MAY 2 HAS BEEN
OVERTAKEN BY PUBLICATION OF AC/281-WP(74)3, 26 APRIL 74,
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RECEIVED HERE MAY 6, FOR EWG DISCUSSION MAY 8.

2. GENERAL VIEWS ON APPROPRIATE COVERAGE OF EWG REPORT
REMAIN AS INDICATED IN REF B.

3. MISSION SHOULD DRAW ON FOLLOWING POINTS IN MAY 8
DISCUSSION.

4. GENERAL. DRAFT USEFULLY LINKS CURRENT FORCE CAPA-
BILITIES AND WEAKNESSES WITH NEW FORCE GOALS. HOWEVER,
OVERALL REPORT, EVEN WITH CURRENT OMISSIONS, IS TOO LONG
TO BE EFFECTIVE DOCUMENT FOR MINISTERS. EWG SHOULD
PREPARE A CONCISE SUMMARY AFTER WORK ON CURRENT TEXT IS
COMPLETED; CURRENT TEXT AS REVISED COULD BE ATTACHED AS
ANNEX.

5. SUPPORTING PROGRAMS. PURPOSE OF PART II IS TO
ESTABLISH WHETHER SUPPORTING PROGRAMS ARE IN BALANCE

WITH PRESENT AND PROGRAMMED FORCE CAPABILITIES.

A. COMMUNICATIONS. DRAFT REPORT SHOULD PICK UP PRINCI-
PAL COMMENTS BY DPC AS IT REVIEWS NICSO 1973 REPORT.
SECTION SHOULD REFLECT FACT THAT NICS HAS SLIPPED (USNATO
2173) AND WILL SLIP FURTHER UNLESS ADEQUATELY FUNDED
DURING 1975-79; NICS TIMETABLE NEEDS TO BE COMPRESSED
IN ORDER TO SUPPORT PROGRAMMED FORCES. REPORT SHOULD
TAKE INTO ACCOUNT SACEUR'S STATEMENT IN PARA 17B OF
ACE INPUT REPORT (COMPLETION OF NICS IS ESSENTIAL COMPLE-
MENT TO IMPROVEMENTS IN TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS) AND
PARA 11 OF ACCHAN INPUT REPORT (NEED FOR MODERN COMMUNI-
CATIONS SYSTEM IN ACCHAN HEADQUARTERS IN ORDER TO EXPLOIT
FULLY EXISTING FORCE CAPABILITIES). CURRENT TEXT DOES
NOT SURFACE PROBLEM OF EFFECT ON COMMUNICATIONS CAPA-
BILITIES OF LACK OF COMPATIBILITY IN AUTOMATED DATA
HANDLING SYSTEMS, ALTHOUGH THIS WAS IDENTIFIED AS
SERIOUS PROBLEM IN MEETING OF CNAD AT SHAPE ON 25 APRIL
(USNATO 2346); EWG SHOULD DETERMINE WHETHER THIS IS
SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM TO BE NOTED IN EITHER ANNEX OR
SUMMARY. AS A TACTICAL POINT WE WOULD REVERSE ORDER OF
TWO SENTENCES IN PARA 50; RELEVANCE OF AIR SUPPORT OF
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LAND BATTLE MAY WELL CARRY MORE WEIGHT.

B. STANDARDIZATION AND COOPERATION IN ARMAMENTS.
(1) SECTION SHOULD REFER TO SACEUR'S STATEMENT THAT THE
ALLIANCE IS NOT GETTING A SATISFACTORY RETURN ON ITS
INVESTMENT FOR ITS VAST EXPENDITURES AND IS LOSING AT
LEAST THIRTY PERCENT AND IN SOME AREAS FIFTY PERCENT
OF ITS CAPABILITY DUE TO LACK OF STANDARDIZATION AND

INTEROPERABILITY (USNATO 2346, PARA 1C). THE RECENT CNAD MEETING IDENTIFIED THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF MANY OF THE PROBLEMS TO BE FACED IN FURTHERING NATO COOPERATION IN ARMAMENTS AND LOGISTICS AND TOOK SEVERAL APPROPRIATE STEPS. THE REPORT SHOULD MAKE THIS POINT. WE REGRET LACK OF SPECIFIC COVERAGE OF COOPERATION IN LOGISTICS AND SUGGEST AS MINIMUM STEP THAT PHRASE "AND THE DIFFICULTIES PLACED IN THE WAY OF COOPERATION IN LOGISTICS" BE ADDED AT END OF PARA 56. WE WOULD OF COURSE PREFER A FULLER TREATMENT OF LOGISTICS ASPECTS, E.G., COMPATIBILITY, INTEROPERABILITY, AND INTERCHANGEABILITY.

(2) LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 65 FALLS FAR SHORT OF ITS OSTENSIBLE PURPOSE OF IDENTIFYING CHOICES FOR MINISTERIAL DECISION. WE WOULD PREFER THAT HERE AND IN RECOMMENDATIONS SECTION A CLEAR RECOMMENDATION BE PUT FORWARD FOR MINISTERS.

C. OTHER SUPPORTING PROGRAMS.

(1) CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING. REPORT SHOULD NOTE AND POSSIBLY BRIEF OR QUOTE PARAS 2 AND 3 OF C-M(73)92 (CONTINUING IMBALANCE BETWEEN LEVELS OF CIVIL AND MILITARY PREPAREDNESS AS IT AFFECTS CREDIBILITY OF DEFENSE AND DETERRENT POSTURE OF ALLIANCE) AS WELL AS PARA 25 (SOME PROGRESS IS BEING MADE IN STUDY OF CIVIL SUPPORT OF MILITARY PREPAREDNESS).

(2) CRISIS MANAGEMENT. REPORT SHOULD NOTE EMPHASIS BY MILITARY COMMITTEE ON NEED FOR A REVIEW OF CRISIS MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES (PARA 11, MCM-17-74) AND SUBSEQUENT DPC ACTION ON THIS SUBJECT. IF BRUSSELS EVALUATION

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TION OF LESSONS LEARNED FROM HILEX-6 COINCIDES WITH VIEWS HERE THAT MUCH MORE WORK IS REQUIRED ON DPC HANDLING REPEAT HANDLING OF ALERT MEASURES AS WELL AS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF DPC EMERGENCY ASSESSMENT AND CRISIS CONSULTATION PROCEDURES, REPORT SHOULD BRIEFLY COVER PROBLEMS AND PROGRAM FOR MEETING THEM. IN CASE OF CRISIS MANAGEMENT AND CIVIL PREPAREDNESS, SINGLE PARAGRAPH EACH IN EWG REPORT SHOULD SUFFICE.

6. BASIC ISSUES. IF CURRENT COVERAGE OF DEFENSE AGAINST ARMOR AND OF WAR RESERVE STOCKS SERVES AS MODEL FOR MISSING SECTIONS, WE WOULD FIND OVERALL COVERAGE INADEQUATE.

A. PARAGRAPHS SHOULD SET OUT MORE CLEARLY THE MINISTERIAL

DECISIONS OF DECEMBER 1973 AGAINST WHICH PROGRESS OR DEVELOPMENTS ARE BEING REPORTED.

B. REFERENCE SHOULD BE MADE TO ACTIVITY IN EWG OR UNDER EWG DURING SPRING PLANNING SEASON, AS APPROPRIATE.

C. AIRCRAFT PROTECTION SHOULD COVER SHELTER PROGRAMMING, ONGOING STUDIES, AND PROGRESS MADE IN DETERMINING BED-DOWN OF EARMARKED REINFORCING AIRCRAFT.

D. SUMMARY OF COUNTRY REPLIES ON DEFENSE AGAINST ARMOR SHOULD FOCUS ON PLANS TO INCREASE DENSITY OF ANTI-TANK WEAPONS.

E. COVERAGE OF WAR RESERVE STOCKS SHOULD REFER TO EFFORTS TO ARRIVE AT AGREEMENT ON LEVELS, TYPES AND CONSUMPTION RATES OF WAR RESERVES TO BE HELD. REPORT SHOULD ALSO INDICATE WHETHER WORK ON QUALITY, LOCATION AND AVAILABILITY, AND SURVIVABILITY OF STOCKS IS PROGRESSING OR HAS BEEN DROPPED. RUSH

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